IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF IOWA COURT RULES

21.24(3) and 22.30



By action of this court, Iowa Court Rules 21.24(3) and 22.30, are amended as shown in the attached document, effective immediately.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2009.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

By Marsha Ternus

Marsha Ternus, Chief Justice

CHAPTER 21

ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE OF APPELLATE COURTS

21.24(3) *Notification.* If the supreme court or the court of appeals tentatively decides to submit a case without oral argument and a request was made for oral argument pursuant to rules of appellate procedure 6.903(2)(i) and/or 6.908(1), the chief justice or chief judge shall notify the parties of the possibility of nonoral submission and offer them the opportunity to file statements of reasons oral argument is needed and should be granted.

CHAPTER 22 JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Rule 22.30 Use of signature facsimile.

22.30(1) In all instances where a law of this state requires a written signature by a justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of appeals, district judge, district associate judge, judicial magistrate, clerk of the district court, county attorney, court reporter, associate juvenile judge, associate probate judge, judicial hospitalization referee, probate referee, or law enforcement officer, any such officer may use, or direct and authorize a designee to possess and use, a facsimile signature stamp bearing that officer's signature pursuant to the provisions of this rule. The stamp shall be issued only by the officer whose signature it bears.

22.30(2) Whether used personally by the officer whose signature it bears or by a designee of that officer, a facsimile signature stamp must contain a true facsimile of the actual signature of that officer. The stamp shall be kept in the personal possession of the officer or that officer's designee, or in a secure, locked place at all times, accessible only to the officer or the officer's designee. Each use of the facsimile stamp shall be initialed by the designee.

22.30(3) An officer directing and authorizing a designee to possess and use a facsimile signature stamp bearing that officer's signature shall execute a written designation of the authorization. The designation shall be addressed to the designee, by name or title, and shall specifically identify each category of documents to which the designee is authorized to affix the stamp. The original of the written designation shall be filed with the district court administrator in the judicial district within which the officer is located; appellate judges and justices shall file their original designations with the clerk of the supreme court. A copy of the written designation shall be retained by the officer and by the designee.